# CITY OF SURPRISE JUDICIAL SELECTION ADVISORY COMMISSION (JSAC) MEETING MINUTES

Surprise City Court 16081 N. Civic Center Plaza, Suite 105 Surprise, AZ 85374

Monday, November 23, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER: 4:04PM** 

#### A. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:

Honorable Maurice Portley Honorable Jose Padilla Honorable George Logan III James Sampanes (via phone) Misty Leslie Barbara Schur Lynn Mikus Alicia Sterna

# B. Pledge of Allegiance

# C. Current Events and Reports -

JSAC Chair Judge Portley announced his attendance at the Surprise City Council meeting held on October 22, 2009 to provide the JSAC recommendation regarding the reappointment of Associate Judge Joseph Malka. Judge Portley advised that the council voted that Judge Malka not be reappointed to another term of office.

JSAC Non-Voting Member Judge Logan announced that there was discussion at a recent council workshop concerning proposed changes to the city ordinance that governs the Judicial Selection Advisory Commission. Judge Logan gave a brief overview of the proposed changes, which included implementing staggered terms for the members and reassigning the duties of commission secretary to the human resources department.

Assistant City Attorney Misty Leslie discussed additional proposed changes to the ordinance.

### D. Staff Reports - None

# **Consent Agenda:**

1. Discussion and action regarding the JSAC meeting minutes from October 22, 2007, which were amended to accurately reflect the distribution of memorandums and

advised that he was present for the public hearing on October 22, 2007 when the members voted to go into executive session and according to Judge Malka, the executive session was not to obtain legal advice as indicated by Ms. Leslie but was to discuss a memorandum entitled "Reappointment of Judge Malka". Judge Malka stated that he is requesting the recording because he believes he was the subject of the meeting and should be aware of what was discussed.

**MOTION:** Move to release the Executive Session Recording from October 22, 2007 to Judge Joseph Malka, the Mayor and City Council. This motion is not intended to establish any precedent by releasing the executive session recording and we want to ensure that we are reserving all other protection of ARS section 38-431.03".

Sterna, 2<sup>nd</sup> Padilla

Aye's Nay's
Portley Sampanes

Padilla Sterna

Schur

Executive Session to be released pursuant to the vote taken, 4-1 in favor.

# **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to Adjourn – 1<sup>st</sup> Honorable Jose Padilla 2<sup>nd</sup> James Sampanes. Unanimous vote.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:27PM** 

Honorable Maurice Portley, JSAC Chair

Submitted by:

/s/ Lynn Mikus

Lynn Mikus, Executive Judicial Administrative Specialist to JSAC